

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, and 17-20 were allowed, as indicated by the Notice of Allowance mailed on November 30, 2007. Claims 7-21 are being cancelled herewith, without prejudice or disclaimer, for pursuance in a continuation application. Therefore, only method claims 1, and 3-6 remain in this application.

During a telephone conference on December 10, 2007, Examiner Ries indicated that this amendment will be entered because only cancellation of claims is occurring. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment after allowance pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 without withdrawing the case from issue. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions concerning these proposed amendments.

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Respectfully submitted,

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